

## THE COTTON MILL INDUSTRY.

## Its Growth in This State.

The official statement prepared by the State Board Equalization, which is charged with the valuation of taxable manufacturing property for the purposes of taxation, shows the name of each mill by counties, the date of its organization, the par and market value of its common and preferred stock and bonded debt, and the full valuation fixed by the board on 60 per cent of which taxes are charged. The list shows that there are 122 mills in South Carolina, not including those in building and those not now in operation, and gives the investment in each as valued by the board. The total valuation thus reached is \$32,338,331, which means considerable increase in actual investment. The statement shows also that there are 13 counties in the State without mills. This table plainly states the case:

No. Mills.	Present Value.
Abbeville.....	1 \$ 565,150
Aiken.....	5 2,897,000
Anderson.....	9 3,703,950
Bamberg.....	1 39,249
Charleston.....	5 1,297,100
Chester.....	4 599,195
Colleton.....	1 48,000
Darlington.....	2 442,500
Edgefield.....	1 120,800
Fairfield.....	1 136,000
Greenville.....	14 3,376,365
Greenwood.....	2 532,750
Kershaw.....	2 346,430
Laurens.....	1 143,940
Lexington.....	3 737,500
Marion.....	3 156,340
Marion.....	3 123,800
Marion.....	5 697,500
Newberry.....	3 570,000
Orangeburg.....	4 773,710
Pickens.....	2 284,533
Richland.....	3 408,335
Richland.....	6 3,674,250
Spartanburg.....	20 6,801,886
Sumter.....	1 38,540
Union.....	8 2,599,925
York.....	11 1,273,883

Total..... 122 \$32,338,331  
The thirteen counties without mills are Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Saluda and Williamsburg. The Columbia State makes the following comments on the facts and figures shown by the official statement:

"It is noteworthy that the counties of Spartanburg, Anderson and Richland lead the procession in the order named and that Spartanburg and Richland combined have 26 of the 122 mills, nearly one-fourth, and \$10,486,136 of the investment, nearly one-third, while these counties with Aiken and Greenville have \$20,453,451 capital invested in 54 mills, nearly two-thirds of the total capital invested."

"They are therefore the typical counties for inspection by those seeking the example of the fullest development of the industry, and the Olympia here is worthy of an inspection as the largest and finest single mill in existence."

"Speaking of the Olympia reminds one that South Carolina has the only woman cotton mill president in the world perhaps, Mrs. Mary Putnam Gridley, who presides over the fortunes of the Putnam mills of Batesville, founded by her father, with marked ability."

"Unfortunately the date of organization of nineteen of the 122 mills could not be obtained from the reports in, and the valuation of these nineteen mills has to be omitted from the study in development given below. The dates for the others, however, afford a very fair idea of the periods in the State's history when the industry got its long lead in the race of manufacturing States of the South for supremacy."

"Coming down the years the first part of note seems to have come in 1893 when three big mills got into shape with \$2,253,000 capital."

"There was a lull till 1895 when thirteen mills with an aggregate of \$3,655,176 were started, our Richland mill being among them."

"The year 1896 was a good one also, the capital of mills started that year being \$1,568,175."

"Then came 1898 with eight mills and \$1,407,516, all still running and 1899 was even a better year with eight mills and \$1,372,075."

"But the banner year was 1900, the year the Olympia came on the stage. There were twenty-four mills started up with a total investment of \$5,410,000."

"The year 1901 brought another lull as far as heavy investments were concerned and may very properly be termed the year of knitting and hosiery mills, seven enterprises, nearly all of this class being put in operation, valued at \$1,235,700."

"For the present year the only mill doesn't have to boast of his ancestors."

reported as started in time for taxable purposes is the Tyger in Spartanburg county worth \$98,500.

"It is thus seen that the mills built from 1893 to 1898 and still running represent \$7,733,295 in investments, while from 1898 to 1902 the sum of \$8,258,009 was invested, making a total investment in less than a decade of \$15,991,304, and showing at what time Carolina awakened from her lethargy and began to race. It is pleasing to reflect that The State was founded in 1891 and from the first sang the siren song of the cotton mill spindle, and kept it up in season and out of season."

"South Carolina has had cotton mills for over half a century. And there are some such as the Saluda factory that have dropped out of existence. There are others, however, still running, and doing well. The Pendleton mill at Autun, Anderson County, is entered in the official list as having been organized in 1838; it has its value placed at \$50,000. Then comes the famous old Graniteville mill organized in 1845, now being valued at \$1,008,000; it has never ceased to run."

The foregoing interesting summary by The State is followed by a list of the mills save the nineteen whose dates could not be ascertained, showing when they began operations. The mill at Autun, in Anderson County, is reported as being organized in 1838, and stands at the head of the list. It was known for many years as the "Pendleton factory," and from its early years was owned and operated by Col. Benj. F. Sloan, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Pendleton, who was the father of Col. J. B. E. Sloan, of Charleston, Mr. B. F. Sloan, of Seneca, and Dr. P. H. E. Sloan, of Clemson College. Some years after the war a company was organized with Mr. William Perry as the president and manager, and it had a series of successful years under his management. Mr. Perry is now a citizen of Walhalla, and is in his 84th year.

Batesville is mentioned as being the only mill in the world with a woman as the president, which is probably true, but it is more than likely that Batesville should also enjoy the distinction of being the oldest mill now being operated in South Carolina. Mrs. Mary P. Gridley, of this city, is the efficient president, and is at her desk in the mill office for three days in the week. She succeeded to the position upon the death of her father, but he was not the founder of the mill at Batesville, as stated by our contemporary. Rev. Thomas Hutchings, a Methodist preacher, is accredited with being the founder of the mill industry at that point, and his equipment consisted of two spinning frames, and one loom situated in a small house on the banks of Rocky creek in a beautiful and picturesque location, which is exceedingly attractive to-day. The house originally used is still in a fair state of preservation. It is hardly ascertainable now as to the precise year that Mr. Hutchings began his pioneer work, but the facts that are known indicate that he was several years ahead of the mill near Pendleton, probably in 1832.

It is our purpose to make further inquiry along this line, and we have the promise of valuable assistance at an early date. Batesville is eleven miles from Greenville, and bears the name of Mr. Wm. Bates, who was its owner for more than twenty years, and who sold it to a company in 1862. He was the father-in-law of the late Col. Henry P. Hammett, and has been regarded as among the earliest and most intelligent pioneers in the mill business in upper South Carolina, which in the 30s and 40s had several mill enterprises that ended in failure, as we have learned the traditions of those days. Mr. Bates was a native of New England, and came to this State when quite a young man.

Mrs. Gridley, the accomplished president of Batesville, is ably assisted in the management of this valuable property by Mr. John W. Baker, whose business qualifications are recognized wherever he is known. He is a native of Laurens, and among his educational advantages he was once connected with this office, which may account for the versatility of his accomplishments, as he is an excellent merchant, an up-date farmer and skilled in textile affairs, all of these being utilized in the active supervision of Batesville's increasing importance and enlarged manufacturing, mercantile and farming interests.—Greenville Mountaineer.

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## Potato Sugar.

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It is estimated that all the southern half of the island is adapted to the growing of the sweet potato for sugar manufacture. The first sugar company was established about two years ago. In 1901 the product of sweet potato sugar was 20,000 "bales." This year, as estimated, it will be 60,000 bales. One acre of land will produce 40,000 pounds of potatoes, worth about \$40, "and the manufacturing expense is only 75 cents for 1,000 pounds of sugar." Wages are low, laborers receiving from 12 to 16 cents a day, the product is fully equal in quality to the best cane sugar, and, in all the conditions, it is not surprising that the industry is developing so rapidly and offers so large promise.

Possibly the matter may possess a large practical interest for some progressive community, or generation, in this part of the world. The sweet potato grows to perfection in all the Southern States—some local varieties being of extraordinary sweetness—and is produced in great quantities, at a comparatively small cost. It was reported a few days ago that a farmer in York County, this State, had gathered this year fifty-five bushels from an eighth of an acre, or at the rate of 440 bushels to the acre; and we noted that another had grown 600 bushels on one acre in Abbeville County, and that more than 800 bushels have been produced on one acre on the coast. Mr. J. H. Mattox, of Clinch County, Georgia, however, produced 1,500 bushels, less five, on one acre a few years ago, which shows what can be done with the crop by proper attention.

If the Japanese can make money out of the manufacture of the roots into sugar, we might do the same. Even at 600 or 800 bushels to the acre we should give the best sugar people of the West a sharp tussle for the control of the sugar industry, as there is at least three times as much sugar in one of our yams as there is in any beet of the same size grown anywhere in the country.—News and Courier.

## Zeal Without Knowledge.

Davy Crockett's advice is good for all times. If the old lady of whom The Youth's Companion tells had mingled with her zeal for the prevention of cruelty to animals a trifle more discretion, she might have escaped an embarrassing experience.

A kind old lady staying at a New York hotel called a cab, and the driver drew up to the door and gave a jerk to free his reins from the horse's tail. Now, the horse was old and had lost what hair his tail naturally wore, and the driver had replaced it with an artificial switch skillfully tied on. The jerk on the reins pulled the tail off, and the old lady shrieked in horror at such an exhibition of such an exhibition of what she supposed was cruelty, and then summoned a policeman to arrest the inhuman brute. When she was told what had happened, she adjusted her false front, which had got away in her excitement, and called another cab, declaring that she would not ride behind a horse that wore another horse's hair where his own ought to grow.

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## Uncertainty of Life.

One of the largest life insurance companies of this country recently published a pamphlet containing a list of 435 persons at whose deaths policies were paid by the company during the year 1901, though the insurance on their lives had been in force less than a year. Considering how carefully medical examiners are selected as a rule and how thoroughly medical examinations are made, for the so-called big companies at least, this would seem a surprisingly large number of deaths so early, about five out of every 1,000 policy holders for whom risks were assumed by the company during the year. Far from considering this item of loss as due to any defect of the insurance system or any failure of their medical examiners to detect pathological conditions that were manifestly present and should not have been missed, the company in question sets it down to the inevitable uncertainty of human life.

The company's officials are justified in assuming this very sensible position by data that may be obtained from an analysis of the death list. The deaths are distributed throughout the year as follows: Eight-five in the first quarter, 118 in the second quarter, 109 in the third quarter and 123 in the fourth quarter. The lowest number of deaths in any month was 10, in the first month; the highest number was 51, in the seventh month. The fact that the deaths were more frequent toward the end of the year would seem to absolve the medical department of the company from much of the apparent blame that attaches to it. An interesting item in this connection is the alleged fact that 10,000 applications for life insurance were refused by the same company in the same year.

The deaths occurred among persons of all classes and ages. There were students as well as professors, and almost every possible occupation has its representative in the death list, from that of the proverbially healthy farmer to the dangerous life of the train hand and locomotive engineer. There are a full dozen physicians in the list, three of whom died during the first three months of their insurance. None of these had policies for more

than \$1,000, except one, he had but \$2,000 on his life, so that it seems improbable that any inkling of impending fate had come to them or they would surely have applied for larger amounts, the medical examination being the same for applicants up to \$25,000.—Journal of American Medical Association.

## "Perfesser."

In Boston all the bootblacks advertise themselves as "professors," and the custom is spreading to other cities. The real meaning of this honored title is of course unknown to these Italians, and to a large class of whom they were but a part. A current newspaper story well "takes off" the situation:—

The train was about to leave the station, as a young man reached up to the middle aged gentleman, and said, "Good-by, professor."

A man with wide stripes in his shirt-front, who shared the seat with the dignified gentleman, looked at him narrowly, and, after the train had started, said, "Kin ye do any tricks with cards?"

"No, I never touched a card."

"Mebbe ye played the pianny?"

"I know nothing of music, excepting as a mathematical science."

"Well, ye ain't no boxer. I kin see that by yer build. Mebbe ye play billiards?"

"No."

"Well, I've guessed ye this time. It's funny I didn't think of it before. You're a mesmerist."

"I am nothing of the kind."

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